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Scoping Document  
Service Building Permits Proposed for Renewal

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Bridgeport Ranger District  
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

**Background.** The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF) administers over 700 lands special use permits and many have expired. The Forest is working to reduce the backlog by contacting holders and processing applications for renewal.

In 2012, a nation-wide audit by the office of inspector general reported findings regarding the condition of special uses on National Forests. The report identified the serious backlog of special use authorizations and the subsequent loss of revenue to the treasury, as well as the lack of management of the uses. In answer to this issue, the Washington Office has made it a priority to remedy the backlog and given money to the regions to expedite the process. These SUAs are a result of this effort to bring the district's special use program to a more current state.

The backlog of expired lands special use authorizations on the HTNF includes (permits, leases, and easements) located across multiple districts including a variety of different uses such as utility right-of-ways, telecommunications, road access, and many other uses.

**Purpose & Need.** There is a need for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to renew expired authorizations and bring permits into compliance with current permit terms and conditions and policy direction. Permit holders are requesting their use be reauthorized.

**Proposed Action.** The proposed action is to renew 2 expired authorizations for service buildings including a fire station and a police station. These are existing uses with no physical changes being made to the improvements and the holder would continue to operate and maintain the facilities.

**Applicable CE Category.** Issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization 32.2 (15)

**Project Location.** The project sites are located on the Bridgeport Ranger District and Spring Mountains National Recreation Area of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Table 1 provides the names, legal land descriptions, and acreage of each authorization proposed to be renewed.

**Table 1. Service building locations proposed to be renewed.**

	<b>District</b>	<b>Use Code</b>	<b>Authorization ID and Contact Name</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Location</b>
Photos 1-2	Bridgeport RD	362 Service Building	BRI8 Bridgeport Fire Protection District	T4N, R24E, Sec 26	40 ft. x 45 ft. facility, solar panel and propane tank, 175 ft x 120 ft. parking area	0.28	Accessible from Twin Lakes Road
Photos 3-5	Spring Mtns. NRA	362 Service Building	SMA0461 (successive SMA0593) Las Vegas Metropolitan Police	T19S, R57E, Sec 27	24 ft x 68 ft Double-wide trailer 12 ft x 12 ft storage shed 20 ft x 68 ft paved parking lot	0.07	Accessible from Hwy 157, lower end of Kyle Canyon



**Photos 1-2: Bridgeport Fire District, Volunteer Fire Station**



**Photos 3-5: Las Vegas Metro Police Department Substation**